

Ceramic properties

Alumina

AL-500™

(MAC-A940W)

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Description

Alumina ceramic of **94% Al₂O₃** content. Its excellent combination of mechanical, thermal, electrical and chemical properties are well suited to applications across industry.

Prime features

- Dense, non porous and vacuum tight.
- High mechanical strength and hardness.
- Low thermal expansion.
- High volume resistivity.
- Resists abrasion and chemical attack.
- Consistent dielectric constant.
- Readily accepts moly-manganese metallizing for high temperature brazing of assemblies.

Typical applications

- Pressure sensors for fluid flow measurement.
- Wear and barrier coatings for sputtering targets.
- Electron tube components.
- Laser components.

Specifications

- Quality Assurance to ISO 9002.

MAC production capabilities

- Isostatic and dry pressing, green machining.
- CNC grinding and lapping to very tight tolerances.
- Metallising of components.
- High temperature brazing of assemblies.
- Prototype, batch and volume production.

Physical properties*

Color	White
Bulk density (fired), Mg/m³ [lb/in³]	3.67 [0.132]
Porosity (apparent), %	0 (fully dense)
Rockwell hardness (R45N)	78
Compressive strength, MPa [lb/in²]	> 2070 [> 300,000]
Flexural strength, MPa [lb/in²]	345 [50,000]

Thermal conductivity, W/m.K [BTU/ft.hr.°F] @RT 20.5 [11.9]

Thermal expansion coefficient, 10⁻⁶/C [10⁻⁶/°F]

25-200C [77-390°F]	6.3 [3.5]
200-400C [390-750°F]	7.5 [4.2]
400-600C [750-1110°F]	8.0 [4.4]
600-800C [1110-1470°F]	8.6 [4.8]
800-1000C [1470-1830°F]	9.1 [5.1]

Maximum no-load temperature, C [°F] 1600 [2910]

Dielectric strength, dc kV/mm [V/mil] @RT 25.6 [650]

		25C	300C	500C
Dielectric constant, K^l, @	10MHz	9.07	9.53	9.91
	1000MHz	9.04	—	—
	8500MHz	8.98	9.26	9.40
Dissipation factor, tan δ, @	10MHz	0.00026	0.00028	0.00341
	1000MHz	0.00062	—	—
	8500MHz	0.00078	0.00155	0.00155
Loss factor, K^l.tan δ, @	10MHz	0.00236	0.00267	0.03369
	1000MHz	0.00560	—	—
	8500MHz	0.00700	0.01165	0.01457

Volume resistivity, ohm.cm

@ 25C [77°F]	> 10 ¹⁴
@ 300C [570°F]	2.0x10 ¹²
@ 600C [1110°F]	4.6x10 ⁸
@ 900C [1650°F]	3.5x10 ⁶

Te value, C [°F] > 950 [> 1740]